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85TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION PRIORITIES

School Finance Priorities

- Compel the Legislature to comply with its own statutory mandate to calculate, at each biennium, the funding level needed for the general diffusion of knowledge.
- Develop a system for funding public schools that is systematically transformed to one that is simple and equitable.
- Fund public education at a level that exceeds the current minimum standard and that also considers changes in student demographics, inflation, technology and programs required by legislation.
- Provide adequate funding for quality pre-K programs.
- Ensure adequate funding for high quality implementation of HB5.

Assessment & Accountability Priorities

- Align state and federal assessment and accountability systems (e.g. eliminate any assessments not required by federal law—writing and social studies).
- Use the school accountability ratings: Exemplary, Recognized, Acceptable and Unacceptable, and eliminate A-F ratings.
- Provide multiple pathways for students to demonstrate college and career readiness.

School Choice Priorities

- Support school choice that ensures uniform standards and requirements for all school systems receiving state funds.
- Oppose legislation that diverts funding from public schools.

Transparency Priorities

- Maintain the present level of reporting requirements.
- Support reporting systems that provide clear and concise information to patrons of the district.
- Expect transparency and reporting requirements to be applied equally to public schools, charter schools and others who receive state education funding.

Community Leadership Committee

Tom Pickford, Community Chairperson ☞ Chuck Brandman, Secretary

*These legislative priorities were researched and developed by the CFISD
Community Leadership Committee (CLC) and adopted by the CFISD Board of Trustees.*